GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO PAK JOINT ANTI TERROR MECHANISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the joint anti-terror mechanism between India and Pakistan has been reactivated;

(b) if so, the number of meetings held in this regard; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) During the meeting of Prime Minister with the President of Pakistan in New York on 24th September 2008 it was decided that a special meeting of the Joint Anti-Terrorism Mechanism will be held in October 2008 to address mutual concerns including the bombing of the Indian Embassy in Kabul.

(b) Three meetings of the Joint Anti-Terrorism Mechanism have been held in March 2007, October 2007 and June 2008.

(c) In these meetings, the two sides reviewed the follow-up steps taken on the information shared during the earlier meetings of the Mechanism and agreed to work to identify counter- terrorism measures, assist in investigations through exchange of specific information and for preventing violence and terrorist acts. It is Government's expectation that the mechanism will be of utility in implementing the assurance of 6 January 2004 wherein Pakistan had assured India that it would not permit any territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner.